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**AMENDMENT**

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Hon. Commissioner of  
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Sirs:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 10, 2006,  
please amend the application as follows: